**City of Nashua**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall**

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on May 6, 2019 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Betsinger presiding. Council members present were Scott Cerwinske, Angelina Dietz-Robinson, Thomas Johnson, Harold Kelleher III. Rolland Cagley was absent. City employee(s) Police Chief Benjamin Scholl and City Clerk John Ott were in attendance. Chickasaw County Sheriff Martin Hemann was also in attendance along with 5 guests.

Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration to approve the amended agenda removing the organization of a city wide clean up day. Dietz-Robinson moved to approve the amended agenda. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried

The Mayor called for public comments. Some of the citizens brought up their concern about the ambulance contract that is being negotiated. There was concern that if the town loses ambulance service that it will discourage people from living here, so they were asking the council for solutions. The Mayor commented that we are working on it and council member Cerwinske, who is also a member of the ambulance council; expressed his thoughts and some of the options that have been presented. He did assure the citizens that because the city has a 28-E agreement that there will be ambulance service even if Chickasaw County can’t come to terms on a contract. He also stated that more than likely it would not take any longer than it currently takes for ambulance service. He stated that at 7:00PM on May 7th in the Public Service Building in New Hampton there is an ambulance meeting and he wanted to encourage as many Nashua residents as possible to attend, so that the City of Nashua had a voice in the decision. He stated that currently it is all about New Hampton and Nashua needs to have a voice by having their residence attend and express their thoughts. He talked about how the budgeting works and how the service currently can’t be taxed for and the county can’t afford it and so it would fall back to the cities; however they can’t afford it either. Some of the citizens inquired on how we were we able to afford it in the past and Cerwinske stated that the contract went from $57K/Year to 365K/Year (from December to April). The issue was brought up that they had been staffed very well previously, but it is very difficult to get volunteers today because it is so time consuming and a lot of employers do not pay their employees or even release them to go out on calls. Council Member Hal Kelleher III mentioned that the City of Nashua is currently working on starting a First Responder program, so if it does take a little longer for ambulance service there will probably be First Responders available. Police Chief Scholl stated that the City of Nashua is already being pro-active by implementing a First Responder course. The City of Nashua currently has 27 volunteer Fire Firefighters and Police Chief Scholl expressed the importance of building the enthusiasm for the class to get as many participants as possible to enroll in the first class that will begin in October and give people a life skill that they can take with them anywhere. Cerwinske commented that we probably need to be looking at all of our options because as it stands now, if something comes together it is going to be New Hampton based for the entire county. Someone inquired about Fredricksburg and what they are doing and Cerwinske said that they are in the same situation we are in and they are trying to negotiate a contract as well. He stated that they would maybe go with SIMS and to some degree that would make sense for them, like for us going to Waverly or Charles City. Mayor Betsinger brought up the fact that we have the Waverly Clinic here in Nashua and so it might let one of their nurses free, but it would be something that would need to be discussed. One of the citizens expressed that this became an issue because it became a service for profit and no one is going to work for free, which is to be expected; however the amount of profit that was desired became a lot more . Cerwinske also stated that the ambulance service wants to be a Paramedic Service which can charge a lot more for services and that small communities like Nashua can’t afford to have a Paramedic Service.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on April 15th. Dietz-Robinson moved to approve the minutes from the regular city council meeting held on April 15, 2019. Kelleher seconded. Motion Carried.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the consent calendar. Cerwinske Motioned. Kelleher Seconded. Motion Carried. Payment of Claims (see claims report): Total claims to be paid: $155,891.34 + $15,476.69 (Wages)

1. General Fund: $116,792.94
2. Road Use: $8,465.90
3. Water: $16,347.44
4. Sewer: $24,416.65
5. Employee Benefit Fund - $3,809.60
6. FEMA: $1535.50

Permits

323 Panama St., 422 Andrews St., 203 Sunset Circle, 207 Somerset Ct., 105 Park St., and 604 Woodbridge St.

Dietz-Robinson Motioned to Approve the Permits. Johnson Seconded. Motion Carried

Business of the Mayor:

Mayor Betsinger proclaimed May 15th – 22nd as American Legion Auxilliary Poppy Days, and urges all citizens of the city to pause and honor our Veterans by wearing the Memorial Poppy. Mayor Betsinger talked about whether or not the council would like to discuss the option of allowing liquor at the Welcome Center to maybe help boost the rental income. The council agreed that they would like to discuss it at the next council meeting. Mayor Betsinger talked to IIW Engineers about the lake/dam project and they are still waiting on FEMA to approve a change before moving forward. They discussed moving forward with the original plans if FEMA doesn’t approve the changes by the end of the month as we are pushing our deadline to get the work contracted and completed. The engineer for the Greeley St. project was in town talking to the school about solutions for the flooding problem.

Department Reports

John Ott City Clerk asked the council if they would approve him attending the Iowa League of Cities training which is to be held on July 15th-19th and July 22nd – 24th. There are several courses throughout the week which would be beneficial. The course cost is $990 and hotel cost is $121/Night if he stays at the Gateway Hotel which is where the courses are held. He also asked for permission to attend a free conference for TIF which will be held on June 21st in New Hampton. The council approved both requests. City Clerk Ott had been talking to Simmering-Cory about the price for Codification as the City has overpaid for this service and will be receiving a refund for the overpayment. City Clerk Ott also discussed the situation with the office server and that he is still waiting to get information to help determine what the options are for replacing the server or moving to a cloud based software system. City Clerk Ott also presented some financial reports to the council, but due to some questions that he was unable to answer immediately at the council meeting the financial reports were not approved. City Clerk Ott will look up the requested information and report back to the City Council on the findings during the next meeting.

Police Chief Benjamin Scholl mentioned sending out some nuisance letters last week and he will be sending out several more this week. He also discussed adding an ordinance as it pertains to grass as a lot of cities have requirements for the length of grass. He is adding that as a discussion item for the next council meeting to see if the council wants to set an ordinance for lawns. He talked about the splash pad being finished up last week and that the city should consider adding a light pole.

Sheriff Martin Hemann gave his monthly report and pointed out on April 10th there was a response to a pedestrian accident that was delayed because of how the call came in. The person called City Hall and then City Hall called 911. This caused a delay in the speed of service and he wanted to emphasize the importance of the citizen calling 911 directly. The dispatch team has the resources and training available to help in a more efficient manner. The system automatically assigns a case number, trained dispatchers know what questions to ask, and if the call is disconnected it will call the person back right away etc. Luckily in this situation it was non-life threatening, but he wanted to express the importance of citizens calling 911 directly and the reasons for doing so. He also expressed that with the situation happening with the ambulance service that Police Chief Scholl, the Chickasaw County Deputies and Sheriff are all EMS trained and so if there is a medical call that citizens are encouraged to also call the Police Department or the Sheriff’s Department. He also noted that it is a responsibility of the Sheriff’s Department to do compliance checks on sex offenders. He mentioned the website (iowasexoffenderregistry.com) that citizens can use to get public information about sex offenders. The Sheriff’s Department does random checks to make sure that registered sex offenders are living where they say they are living, working where they say they are working, etc. He also noted that Nashua and New Hampton both had their prom last weekend and there were no accidents or incidents which was a good thing.

 Council Member Reports

Hal mentioned that Cannon Park is on track even with the weather. He also mentioned that they have been a little short on volunteers with the Splash Pad going on. They are looking at having their dedication on June 22nd (weekend before Water Over the Dam Days). He mentioned that they would like to get some perennials donated because they have torn out some bushes and cleared some of the area and need to replant some. One of the citizens mentioned that Mabel Banwell has a lot of them and would be glad to help out. He mentioned his appreciation for the volunteers that have helped out already. He also stated that Curt has done a nice job cleaning up the parks. They didn’t have their park clean up this year due to the weather.

 Tom mentioned the issue with the potholes and what the city is going to do as they are becoming quite a problem. He mentioned that there are some people that would be willing to volunteer if the city guys were too busy to get to it. Tom hasn’t been able to talk to Dan (Street Maintenance Supervisor) yet. Mayor Betsinger said that it has been wet and so they can’t do it when it rains or is wet. He also stated that he has been asked that after we complete a project are we not supposed to complete it and put everything back in order (level the ground, seed the ground, etc.) so that it looks nice. Mayor Betsinger asked if he was referring to anyone specifically. Tom mentioned the Schluter Addition when the city did the storm water intake. Mayor Betsinger stated that no one has asked him about it, but they should have finished the project. Tom stated that he would have liked to have Nick (Superintendent of Water/Sewer Department) at the meeting to discuss the criteria for sewer digs and City Clerk Ott stated that he would be at the next meeting and that will be on the agenda; however he thought it was to just discuss the proposal that PeopleServices puts together and see if the council wants to implement it or make changes to what is proposed.

Scott wanted to thank Dan Zwanziger and Nick Henningsen for donating their time on the Splash Pad. It is good to see city employees donate their time to help with city projects.

Discussion/Action Items

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to set a public hearing for a budget amendment on May 20th. Cerwinske Motioned. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried

Mayor Betsinger asked the council if they wanted to approve the renewal of the liquor licenses for Casey’s, Dollar General, and Shelby’s. Dietz – Robinson Motioned to approve all 3 renewals. Kelleher Seconded. Motion Carried.

Mayor Betsinger asked the council if they wanted to discuss having a golf cart ordinance. Police Chief Scholl reviewed the golf course ordinance that he put together using Plainfield and Fredericksburg as a template with some changes. A Public Hearing was set for May 20th .

The City of Nashua was awarded a $1,000 grant for planting trees and they will replace some of the trees that they lost in the storms with the money.

Brian Stillion has volunteered once again to be the camp host at the campground. He will assist in keeping the campground clean. He will receive free camping for his efforts in being the camp host.

The City of Nashua had some invoices that needed to be approved for reimbursements. Johnson Motioned. Cerwinske Seconded. Motion Carried.

Cerwinske stated that the ambulance council had an Intergovernmental Agreement that needed to be approved by the council, signed, and recorded. Hal Motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement. Johnson Seconded. Motion Carried.

The City Council has decided to cancel its contract with City Laundering and purchase the dispensers. The council had previously decided to cancel the Iowa Welcome Center Operations Agreement between the Iowa Economic Development Authority and Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center. This means that we will lose the signage placed along Hwy 218/27 and so the council is discussing different options that could be utilized to replace those signs and get more exposure.

The First Community Partners Meeting is scheduled to be held on May 13th at 7:00PM at City Hall in City Council Chambers. The goal of the meeting is collaboration between individuals and groups that are making a positive impact on our community. This will allow people and groups to come together on a quarterly basis and share ideas and future projects to help impact the community in a positive way. You can contact Val Johnson 641-330-8786 or John Ott 641-435-4156 if you have any questions.

The contract for the Fireworks has been signed and J&M Displays will be putting the Fireworks show on June 29th at approximately 10:00PM weather permitting. The alternate date is set for June 30th. The Fireworks will be held on the Lake again this year.

 The City of Nashua received one bid for the Oudekerk Property and the winning bid was Ken Babcock with a winning bid of $10. The council approved the bid.

There was no more business. Cerwinske motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dietz-Robinson Seconded. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM

Pending approval by council

John Ott

City Clerk

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| Claims Report (April 16-May 6, 2019) |  |
| BABCOCK, KEN | CANNON PARK - SAFETY FENCE | 11,000.00 |
| BADGER METER | CAP EXP - WATER METER EXP APRI | 622.11 |
| BODENSTEINER IMP. INC. | PARKS - GAS/OIL | 163.18 |
| BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS IN | STREETS - ROCK | 337.64 |
| BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC. | WATER - REPAIR CLAMPS | 410.85 |
| CENTURYLINK | WC - APRIL PHONE EXPENSE | 65.62 |
| CLEMENT, JAN | MARCH 2019 VENDOR SALES | 96.38 |
| CROELL REDI-MIX, INC. | STREETS - ROCK | 73.13 |
| DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA | DENTAL INS | 411.62 |
| DEVEREAUX, SHEILA | MARCH 2019 VENDOR SALES | 34.16 |
| DORMAN, SHERYL | MARCH 2019 VENDOR SALES | 243.7 |
| E H ELECTRIC LLC | SEWER - ETHERNET SWITCH | 2,454.74 |
| GIS BENEFITS | PARKS - AD/DISABILITY | 105.14 |
| IIW ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS | SEWER GREELEY ST. STORMWATER | 5,296.75 |
| INRCOG | HOUSING GRAND ADMIN SERVICES | 302.86 |
| IOWA COMMUNITIES | 2019-2020 - LIAB/PROPERY INSUR | 29,403.63 |
| IOWA DNR | STORM WATER DISCHARGE - 3 YEAR | 350 |
| IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENU | WET TAX - APRIL 2019 | 1,002.00 |
| IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES | CH - TRAINING (CLERK SCHOOL) | 990 |
| IPERS | REGULAR IPERS | 3,253.57 |
| IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT | FED/FICA TAX | 4,550.49 |
| J & M DISPLAYS, INC. | Fireworks | 5,000.00 |
| JACOBS DOZER SERVICE | SPLASH PAD - EXCAVATION | 1,615.00 |
| JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE | JENDRO GARBAGE/REC CONTRACT | 9,437.90 |
| KAHN TILE SUPPLY LLC | SPLASH PAD - WATERLINESUPPLIES | 158.73 |
| LEERHOF, SHARON | MARCH 2019 VENDOR SALES | 142.88 |
| LEROY'S REPAIR | STREETS - CHAIN | 14.95 |
| LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK | HSA | 1,750.00 |
| MIDAMERICAN ENERGY | APRIL '19 - GAS/ELEC | 6,342.37 |
| NASHUA PLUMBING & HEATING | WC - OPERATING SUPPLIES | 330.84 |
| NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE NASHU | CH - LEGAL PUBLICATIONS | 452.4 |
| NORTH EAST IA REGIONAL LE | CH - '19 MEMBERSHIP DUES NORTH | 15 |
| PEOPLESERVICE INC. | water waste water contract | 18,315.00 |
| PETERSON, CANDANCE | MARCH 2019 VENDOR SALES | 11.25 |
| QUIN-CITIES SHOPPING GUID | WC - THE Q RENEWAL | 150 |
| QUALITY PUMP & CONTROL | SEWER - LIFT PUMP REBUILT | 2,495.00 |
| SCHERER, NANCY | MARCH 2019 VENDOR SALES | 47.62 |
| STAPLES CREDIT PLAN | CH - OFFICE SUPPLIES | 69.5 |
| T & K TRACTOR REPAIR | STREETS - SKID LOADER PARTS | 84.18 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA | STATE TAX | 715 |
| U.S. POST OFFICE | CH - POSTAGE | 373.9 |
| ULINE | CH - TOILET TISSUE | 64.13 |
| VERIZON | PD - VEHICLE INTERNET | 120.03 |
| WELLMARK, BLUE CROSS | MAY - HEALTH INSURANCE | 5,392.16 |
| 20 20 FX LLC | CH - COMPUTER REPAIR | 70 |
| MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY | PARKS - OPERATING SUPPLIES | 31.89 |
| FORAKER ENTERPRISES INC. | My Splash Pad Contractor | 35,315.00 |
| SENNER, ANN L | MARCH 2019 VENDOR SALES | 37.5 |
| AVESIS | VISION INS | 21.54 |
| ROEDER POWDER COAT & MACH | PARK - BENCH, SIGN, GAZEBO, GR | 4,900.00 |
| PAYROLL CHECKS | TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS | 15,476.69 |
|   | CLAIMS TOTAL | 170,118.03 |
|   | GENERAL FUND FUND | 115,542.94 |
|   | ROAD USE FUND | 8,465.90 |
|   | EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND | 3,809.60 |
|   | FEMA FUND | 1,535.50 |
|   | WATER FUND | 16,347.44 |
|   | SEWER FUND | 24,416.65 |

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